

Treasury Department,

Bureau of the Mint,

Washington, D. C., Sept. 18, 1899.

John Folsom Esq.,

Great Northern Railway,

St. Paul, Minnesota.

Friend:

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The following description of the coins etc. shown by imprint sheet enclosed in your letter, is submitted:

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2nd. Obverse and reverse of New England Shilling.

Third:- Obverse of Washington cent, issued in 1783 and of French origin.

Fourth: Obverse of copper coins known as the Nova Constellatio pieces, made in Birmingham, England, in 1783 for circulation in America.

Fifth: Obverse and reverse of the Fugio cent, the earliest coin issued by authority of the United States under direction of the Board of the Treasury in 1787 and is generally known as the ring cent.

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Sixth:- There is no authentic history of this piece (obverse and reverse) and it is classed as one of the numerous Washington pieces, the origin of which is unknown.

Seventh:- Reverse of Nove Constellatio piece, No. 4.

Eighth: Obverse and reverse of Maryland shilling.

Ninth: Obverse and reverse of silver dollar, 1794.

Tenth: Washington cent of 1792.

Eleventh: Obverse and reverse, U. S. cent 1793.

Twelfth: New England Sixpence, obverse and reverse.

Thirteenth: Pine Tree Shilling of Massachusetts. Obverse and reverse.

Fourteenth: Wampum Necklace made of shells and beads.

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Very truly yours,



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